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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 24 September 1993, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled:

"Operational activities for development:

"(a) United Nations Development Programme;

"(b) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

"(c) United Nations technical cooperation activities;

"(d) United Nations Volunteers programme;"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 27th to 29th and 46th to 48th meetings, on 10 and 11 November and 9, 10 and 13 December 1993. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/48/SR.27-29 and 46-48). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, on 8 and 11 to 13 October (see A/C.2/48/SR.3-8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 on the World Summit for Children (A/48/321);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the advancement of women (A/48/279);

(c) Letter dated 28 May 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the press communiqué issued by the Standing Ministerial Committee for Economic Cooperation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries at its meeting held at Bali, Indonesia, from 10 to 13 May 1993 (A/48/182);

(d) Letter dated 4 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final document of the third Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government (A/48/291-S/26242);

(e) Letter dated 9 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Final Document of the meeting of the Standing Ministerial Committee for Economic Cooperation of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in Bali from 10 to 13 May 1993 (A/48/338);

(f) Letter dated 30 August 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Marshall Islands to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué of the Twenty-Fourth South Pacific Forum (A/48/359);

(g) Note verbale dated 27 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/48/445-S/26501);

(h) Letter dated 6 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué of the Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries to the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly (A/48/484-S/26552);

(i) Letter dated 6 October 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 adopted at their seventeenth annual meeting (A/48/485);

(j) Letter dated 8 November 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the conclusions, decisions and declarations adopted by the Latin American Council of the Latin American Economic System at its nineteenth ordinary ministerial meeting (A/48/597);

(k) Letter dated 15 October 1993 from the Acting Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration of the Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries, held in New York on 30 September 1993 (A/C.2/48/4).

Item 94 (a) - United Nations Development Programme

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1993, its special session and its fortieth session (E/1993/35); 1/

Item 94 (b) - United Nations Capital Development Fund

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1993, its special session and its fortieth session (E/1993/35); 1/

Item 94 (c) - United Nations technical cooperation activities

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Item 94 (d) - United Nations Volunteers programme

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4. At the 27th meeting, on 10 November, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund and the Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (see A/C.2/48/SR.27).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft decision A/C.2/48/L.59

5. At its 47th meeting, on 10 December, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 on the World Summit for Children" (A/C.2/48/L.59), submitted by the Chairman.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/48/L.59 without a vote (see para. 10, draft decision I).

7. After the adoption of the draft decision, the representative of Belgium made a statement on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union (see A/C.2/48/SR.47).

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 15 (E/1993/35).

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/48/L.70

8. At the 46th meeting, on 9 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ryszard Rysinski (Poland), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Operational activities for development: field offices of the United Nations development system" (A/C.2/48/L.70). For action on the draft resolution, see the report of the Second Committee on agenda item 154, "United Nations interim offices" (A/48/733, paras. 5-9).

C. Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

9. At its 48th meeting, on 13 December, upon the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1993, its special session and its fortieth session 1/ (see para. 10, draft decision II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/217 on the World Summit for Children

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 45/217 of 21 December 1990 on the World Summit for Children and taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution, 2/ requests the Secretary-General to submit an update of that report to it at its forty-ninth session for consideration.

2/ A/48/321.

DRAFT DECISION II

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly decides to take note of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1993, its special session and its fortieth session. 3/

3/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 15 (E/1993/35).